

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF PETERBOROUGH.

ABBREVIATED ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE
YEAR 1948.

Public Health Officers of the Authority:-

Medical Officer of Health :- W. Anley Hawes. M.B., B.S., D.P.H. Lond.
Part Time.

Sanitary Inspector :- Mr. C. Green. M.S.I.A., A.R. San. I.
Whole Time Officer, who, in
addition holds the appointment
of Surveyor, Meat Inspector,
and Water Works Manager.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I herewith submit my Annual Report for 1948. The Birth Rate of 21.5, although showing a fall of 7.5 per 1000 population as compared with 1947, is well above the average for England and Wales; the Death Rate remains about stationary. There has been a slight increase in the infantile mortality rate but against this must be taken into account the fact that there were no deaths from maternal causes and no deaths from diarrhoeal diseases in children under 2 years of age. These results can be considered very satisfactory.

With the exception of measles, the infectious disease rate is the lowest on record with 6 cases of Scarlet Fever, 5 Whooping Cough and no Diptheria.

45 Council houses have been completed during the year, with a further 52 in the course of erection and 38 for which tenders had been accepted.

SECTION... STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	28,186
Population	6882.
Number of inhabited houses and of 1947 according to Rate Books	2071.
Rateable Value	£20,361
Sum represented by Penny Rate	£80. 7. 1d.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

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<u>Live Births.</u>	Total	149	79
	Legitimate	75	67
	Illegitimate	4	3

Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population :-	21.5
Corresponding figure for England and Wales :-	17.9

<u>Still Births.</u>	Total	3	2	1
	Legitimate		1	1
	Illegitimate		1	-

<u>Deaths.</u>	Total	70	33	37
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Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population:-	10.1
Corresponding figure for England and Wales:-	10.8

Deaths from Puerperal causes Nil.

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age:-

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Total	6	3	3	Legitimate	6
				Illegitimate	nil

Deaths of all infants under 1 year of age per 1000 live births 40.0
Corresponding figure for England and Wales 34.0.

Deaths of Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate live births: 40.0
Deaths of Illegitimate Infants per 1000 illegitimate live births nil.
Deaths from Measles nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2) nil

SECTION B. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES OF THE AREA.

1.(a) LABORATORY FACILITIES.

By contract with Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Memorial Hospital, Peterborough, at £10 per annum.

(b) AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

Since the introduction of the Health Act, ambulance services, both for infectious and non-infectious cases have been operated by the County Council. In no instance has a report been received that this service has other than been prompt and efficient.

(c) NURSING IN THE HOME.

Nursing in the home is now the responsibility of the County Council under the Health Act.

(d) HOSPITALS.

Infectious cases - Patients have been admitted to the Peterborough Isolation Hospital. Accommodation has been adequate.

SECTION C. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1.(1) WATER. A piped supply obtained from the Peterborough City Corporation mains is provided for every village. Water has been adequate in quantity. No chemical or bacteriological tests have been made directly on behalf of the Council.

It is estimated that 1555 or approximately 76% of the houses occupied by some 4665 inhabitants are supplied direct from water mains - the remaining 516 houses with 1548 inhabitants obtain water from stand pipes.

2.(2) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Owing to increased building the Eye Sewage Disposal works are now overloaded; this fact, together with the increased drainage from the new school makes the installation of a new sewerage scheme a matter of urgency. Plans have been sanctioned to connect the complete sewerage system of Eye with sewers of Peterborough City at Newgate and Fengate, work will commence when practicable.

The sewage disposal in the remaining villages remains the same as last year, in a very unsatisfactory condition, which will be aggravated by additional building; here again a sewerage system is an essential - plans for which await official approval.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Collection of house refuse and night soil is carried out by contract.

The disposal of night soil in a satisfactory manner is difficult during certain periods of the year owing to lack of ground space from intensive cultivation of the land.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

No. of inspections made for all purposes	345
re-visits.....	371
Complaints - necessary action taken in all cases.....	122
Notices - informal	75
statutory	5

26 Informal Notices were outstanding at the end of the year.

SECTION D. HOUSING

Houses inspected during the year	149
Statutory Notices served	0
Informal Notices	56

16 Informal Notices were outstanding at the end of the year.

House Survey.

319 other houses have been inspected and schedules in the parishes of Castor, Ailsworth and Northborough; 11 cases of overcrowding were found.

HOUSING SCHEMES COMPLETED DURING 1948.

Bowberry Road, Eye.

45 permanent type houses have been completed, and work commenced at Ginton on 62 of the 102 houses sanctioned.

In addition plans are being prepared for a further 98 houses at Castor and 44 in the Parishes of Newborough, Maxey Marholm, and Upton.

It is estimated that when all the above have been completed a further 200 houses will be required to replace sub-standard dwellings.

12 houses have been completed by private enterprise, 7 self contained flats have been converted from preexisting buildings and one house was converted into two cottages.

SECTION E. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER.

Licences granted during the year:-

Producers (Wholesale)	5
" (Retail)	nil

Licences cancelled during the year :-

Producers (Wholesale)	4
" (Retail)	2

Parveyors with premises outside the district	2
Producers (Retail) with premises in " "	12
" (Wholesale) " " " "	33
" (Butter only) " " " "	8
	<u>55</u>

(b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Bakehouses	3
Slaughter Houses.....	5

(c) Registered under Section 14 of the Food & Drugs Act 1938.

Sale, Manufacture or Storage of Ice Cream	8
Manufacture of sausages or Preserved Food	9

Factory Act.

Premises in the Factory Register at the end of the year.....	32
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a Informal Notices have been served, one
is outstanding.

SECTION F. PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Notifiable Diseases. (Other than Tuberculosis)

	<u>Total cases notified.</u>	<u>Cases admitted to hospital.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
Smallpox.	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	6	5	-
Diphtheria.	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-
Measles	32	-	-
Whooping Cough	5	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis (Infantile Paralysis)	-	-	-

With no diphtheria and only 6 Scarlet Fever cases the infectious disease returns constitute a record.
5 infectious cases only needed hospital treatment.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

Cases are admitted to Peterborough Isolation Hospital.
accommodation has been adequate.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

The County Council, as Local Health Authority provide a free immunisation service by School Medical Officers and by General Practitioners.

CANCER.

Number of deaths from cancer	6.
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TUBERCULOSIS.

The following table shows the age, sex and type of diseases among new cases notified, together with the details of death from this cause.

	<u>New Cases.</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	<u>Resp.</u>		<u>Non-Resp.</u>		<u>Resp.</u>		<u>Non-Resp.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
5 - 10 yrs	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
10- 15 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15- 25 "	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
25- 35 "	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
35- 45 "	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45- 55 "	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
55- 65 "	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	-	1	1	2	2	1	-	-

New cases notified show decrease of 4 compared with 1947.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) W. Anley Hawes.

Medical Officer of Health.

May 1949.

